

II. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

a first transceiver configured to receive a key from a service provider, the key having an identification tag identifying the service provider and validity information relating to a service provided by said service provider; and

a second transceiver configured to provide said key and said validity information to an access device in response to a request from the access device identifying the service provider, wherein said key and said validity information allow said access device to determine without any connection to a central control element associated with the service provider whether or not to provide access, and wherein if said key and said validity information are determined by the access device to be valid, access is provided.

2. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first transceiver is configured to receive additional information relating to said service.

3. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first transceiver is configured to receive additional information relating to said service and make said additional information available to a user of the apparatus.

4. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a display configured to display additional information relating to said service.

5. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a speaker configured to provide additional information relating to said service audibly.

6.-7. (Cancelled)

8. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said second transceiver is configured to operate using high frequency signals in the giga Hertz range.

9. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said second transceiver is configured to operate using low power signals.

10. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said second transceiver is configured to operate using wireless signals.

11. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said second transceiver is configured to operate using infrared signals.

12. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, configured to have more than one key at the same time.

13. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said key has an identifier associated therewith, said access device is configured to provide identification information, and said apparatus is configured to provide the key which has the identifier associated with the received identification information to said access device.

14. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said key has an identifier associated therewith that identifies said service provider, said access device is arranged to provide identification information, and said apparatus is further configured to provide the key which has the identifier identifying the service provider associated with the received identification information to said access device.

15. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said access device provides access to one or more of the following:

hotel room; theatre; cinema; hire car; ski lift; public transport; or office.

16. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a memory for storing said key.

17. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein at least part of said key and/or said validity information are at least partly encrypted.

18. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein at least part of said key and/or said validity information are at least partly encrypted, and wherein at least part of said key is not decryptable by said apparatus.

19. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, configured to provide to said access device information identifying a user of said apparatus.

20. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said validity information comprises time related information.

21. (Previously Presented) An access system comprising the apparatus of claim 1, in combination with said access device.

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

receiving a key having an identification tag identifying a service provider, and validity information related to the service provided by the service provider;

providing said key and said validity information to an access device in response to a request from the access device identifying the service provider; and

checking at said access device if said key and said validity information are valid and if so providing access.

24. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 23, wherein said validity information comprises time related information.

25. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a mobile station.

26. (Currently Amended) A communication device for accessing via an access device a service provided by a service provider, the communication device comprising:

a first transceiver for establishing a connection with a communication network, a second transceiver for establishing a connection with the access device, wherein said first and second transceivers operate at different frequencies;

a memory for storing a key having an identification tag identifying the service provider which is received at the first transceiver from the service provider via the communication network; and

a processor for providing said key via the second transceiver to the access device in response to a request from the access device identifying the service provider, wherein said access device is able to determine without any connection to a central control

element associated with the service provider whether the key is valid, and wherein if said key is determined by the access device to be valid, access is provided to said service.

27. (Currently Amended) A user device arranged to:

receive from a service provider, via a first communication link, at least one key having an identification tag identifying the service provider and validity information relating to a service provided by said service provider.

establish a second communication link with an access device, said second communication link arranged to provide said validity information and all keys having the identification tag identifying the service provider to said access device in response to a request from the access device identifying the service provider, wherein said access device identifies a matching key from the provided keys, and said matching key and said validity information allow said access device to determine without any connection to a central control element associated with the service provider whether or not to provide access, wherein if said key and said validity information are determined by the access device to be valid access is provided, and wherein said first and second communication links operate at different frequencies.

28. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the second transceiver is configured to operate as a wireless communication link.

29. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first and second transceivers are configured to operate at different frequencies.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, further comprising receiving additional information relating to said service and making said additional information available to a user.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, further comprising:

receiving identification information from the access device; and

providing a key associated with the received identification information to said access device.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, further comprising:

receiving identification information from the access device; and

providing a key having an identifier identifying a service provider associated with the received identification information to said access device.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, comprising providing access to one or more of a hotel room; theatre; cinema; hire car; ski lift; public transport; or office if said key and said validity information are valid.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, further comprising at least partly encrypting at least part of said key and/or said validity information.

35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, further comprising providing user information to said access device.